# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
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POWER CRISIS IN CHANDIGARH
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) the total demand and supply of power in Chandigarh as on date;

(b) the sources of power supply and the number of sub-stations in the Union Territory at present;

(c) whether there was a frequent power failures or load shedding in recent days;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI P.M. SAYEED )

(a) : During the period April-February 05`, the power supply position in UT of Chandigarh was as under:

| Energy (MU) | | Peak (MW) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Requirement | 1074 | Peak Demand | 224 |
| Availability | 1065 | Peak Met | 224 |
| Shortage | 9 | Shortage | 0 |
| Shortage (%) | 0.8 | Shortage (%) | 0 |

(b) : UT of Chandigarh meets its requirement of power from its own sources

(i.e. DG Sets), its share in Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) Project and allocation from Central Sector Generating Stations (CGSs). At present, there are sixteen

(16) substations in Chandigarh comprising of one 220 kV, nine 66 kV and six 33 kV substations.

(c) & (d) : In January and February 2005, power demand in UT of Chandigarh had exceeded the availability. Load shedding of 7-10 MW for 2-3 hours in a day was resorted to during these two months. Demand cut of 4 MW each on HT & LT industries during peak hours was imposed during February 2005.

(e) : Assistance has been provided to Chandigarh from time to time by allocating additional power from unallocated quota of CGSs to mitigate the power shortage. At present, besides firm allocation of 72 MW in CGSs in the Northern Region

(NR), the UT of Chandigarh has been allocated 52 MW from unallocated quota of CGSs in NR and 20 MW from unallocated quota of NTPC stations in Eastern Region. Further, the availability of power would be augmented on commissioning of CGSs in the NR during the remaining period of 10th Plan in which UT of Chandigarh will have entitlements.